

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The mighty struggle of labor giants today came to a dramatic turn, and the echo tonight is -- let the public decide. And how is the public to decide? That's somewhat ambiguous. The radio might provide the answer, with A.F. of L. President Green and C.I.O. Chieftain John Lewis presenting their respective cases to the myriad radio public. But that is not to happen.

The climax in the labor duel came today when Lewis announced he'd resign if his enemy Green would resign. The C.I.O. chieftain referred to statements that the personality of Lewis was all that stood in the way of labor peace. "Manifestly", said he, in polysyllabic fashion, "that is not a unilateral problem. Obviously," he continued, with some more polysyllables, "it is bilateral."

Then Lewis made the offer, in these words: "I advise that I am willing to resign tomorrow or any day thereafter as Chairman of the C.I.O., if Mr. Green will simultaneously resign as President of the A.F. of L."

When that offer was conveyed to President Green at

Houston, his first remark was - that the assembly delegates of the A.F. of L. would give the answer. And by that he was referring to his own reelection, which is a sure thing - the delegates about to vote him ^m to another term of office.

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Other A.F. of L. chieftains ridiculed Lewis's proposal - saying that it was just a pretense. They pointed out that if Lewis resigned from the C.I.O., he'd still be Presidnet of the Miners' Union, which is the dominating element in the C.I.O. While - if Green resigned, he'd have nothing left, he'd ^{be} ^{ing} resign¹ from everything. Hence, it wouldn't be so bilateral as Lewis said. It would be somewhat unilateral.

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Later, A.F. of L. President Green came out with the declaration - let the public decide on the merits of his quarrel with Lewis. And that might seem to point to a radio debate. In fact, the National Broadcasting Company has offered time on the air to both Green and Lewis. The A.F. of L. President promptly accepted the invitation, but Lewis just as promptly turned it down. So the question remains open - how is the public going to decide?

BASEBALL

There's one melancholy baseball club in the National League. That description certainly does fit Chicago, beaten four straight. But even more accurately does it fit - Pittsburgh.

Today the Pittsburgh Pirates mailed letters to a hundred and sixty thousand people, ~~x~~ in each envelope a slip reading thusly: "We regret exceedingly that the fortunes of the game require that we return your remittance for World Series tickets." The enclosed checks came to ^a ~~xx~~ total of a million and a half dollars.

The postage stamps came to thirty-five hundred dollars. *Also*

⁺The Pirates spent thirty-five thousand dollars to build a new press box for the Series. ⁵⁰ _^ With other expenses it cost Pittsburgh fifty thousand dollars for the privilege of almost getting into the World Series.

FOREST FIRES

The Canadian-American border is aflame, literally - with a wild rage of the sweeping blaze. Along the border of Minnesota and Ontario, forest fires are burning high, as many as a thousand of them - as one after another is set by wind-blown sparks. Ontario seems to be hit the hardest, with known fatalities reported at eleven. In Minnesota, the number is three - those dreadful fatalities that occur when the forest fire speeds with a circle of flame and traps its victims. A high south wind whipped the blazing fury along. ~~A light rain checked the flames today in various parts, but the sky has turned clear and dry once more, and the fires are said to be as bad as ever.~~ In many places detailed news is lacking, because giant flaming trees have fallen across highways and blocked off communications.

FIRE

This is the season for fires -- so appropriately, this week is Fire Prevention Week, and the request is made -- warn people about fires. There are twenty-five million dwelling houses in the United States and two million in Canada. Fires in homes account for one-third of the fire loss- and two thirds of the loss of life.

Don't have rubbish in cellars, don't stack rubbish in containers near the furnace. Have flues examined before you start your winter fire. Look out for rusty stove pipes. Be careful of electric wiring. Use cleaning fluids of the non-inflammable kind. Be careful of lighted cigars and cigareetes.

The more we hear these things the more we heed them, the fewer fires there will be in homes.

Word about National Defense:- the President says it's to be speeded up -- not slowed down.

PALESTINE

In talking about the violence and terror in Palestine, I've more than once made the reference - bitter war in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Holy~~ Land of the Prince of Peace. I've made that reflection so often that I felt it getting threadbare - worn out from over-use. Yet what can one say tonight except refer once more to- the Prince of Peace. Because - take the ^{is} headline flash ^{ed} from Bethlehem:-
The Church of the Nativity ~~is~~ an armed fortress tonight.

That ancient Church, built at the very place where tradition tells us the Saviour was born. The grotto underneath, said to be the very site where the Manger was, in which the Christ

child ^{lay in swaddling clothes.} ~~was blessed~~ For many a long age millions of pilgrims have come to the Church of the Nativity, worshipping at the traditional

birthplace of the Prince of Peace, ^{I among them, years ago, in World War days, with Allenby's troops.}

The warfare between British, Arabs and Jews has flared to new violence in the past twenty-four hours, savage battles

and killings - the whole ^{turbulent} ~~terrible~~ situation threatening to get

out of the hands of the British authorities. And the ~~focus~~ focus of battle and skirmish ^{tonight} ~~is~~ the hill country around Bethlehem.

The British authorities have decreed - crush the Arab insurrection

in Jewish retaliation by ~~by~~ military power. Troops pouring into

Palestine;-machine guns, cannon, tanks, war planes. Strongholds

are being created - a Number One stronghold at Bethlehem, ^{where the} ~~and~~

shepherds watched their flocks by night,

ago. There the dominating point is ~~the place on which stands~~ the Church

of the Nativity. ^{There!} ~~So there you'll see~~ a warlike concentration tonight.

Military headquarters set up in the courtyard of the Church,

barbed wires, sandbags and machine guns, cannon installed, troops

marching on guard, and bristling tanks rumbling on patrol. All

this concentrated at that Bethlehem stronghold, British military

headquarters - ~~at~~ the Church of the Nativity. So how can one

refrain tonight from making the reference again - bitter war in

the ~~Holy~~ Land of the Prince of Peace.

CARDINAL

The Vienna Cardinal struck back at the Nazis today, and the form his reply takes is deeply significant. ~~There have been~~ Days of Nazi rioting against the Catholic Church in Vienna, with the Swastika crowd storming the Archiepiscopal palace and Nazi crowds ~~hollering~~ ^{howling} against Cardinal Innitzer. So now what action does the Cardinal take? ~~It's a report that~~ ^{His retort} goes right to the heart of the quarrel.

This morning, all over Vienna, leaflets were placed in letter-boxes and thrust under doors, leaflets on which were printed a manifesto from Cardinal Innitzer to the Austrian Catholics. The text of the manifesto, as cabled ^{to us,} reads in part as follows: "All parents," it declares, "bear before God the responsibility for the ~~immortal~~ immortal souls of their children. ~~Rear your children as Christians through precept and example at home. Pray for your children and with your children.~~ Dear fathers, dear mothers - you must be God's viceroy to your children, protect them from all danger - including danger to their souls."

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Significantly, the Cardinal's manifesto is said to have been distributed by the Catholic Youth Organization.

(Yes, it all points to the heart of controversy -- children. The Nazis claim absolute control of youth.) Some while ago there were stories that Catholic parochial schools throughout Austria were abolished by Nazis, that only Nazi education would be permitted.

(Catholic opposition on the youth question provoked the violent outbreak against the Vienna Cardinal.) So the Cardinal retorts today with a manifesto concerning -- children.

Meanwhile, Hitler's lieutenants, at his own order, are investigating the anti-Catholic riots, arresting the Nazi wildmen who instigated the attack on the Archiepiscopal palace, and blaming it -- on the Communists.

There's a formal protest from the Vatican. And the latest -- a Berlin report that the Hitler foreign office has assured the papal Nuncio that the German government utterly condemns the attack on the Archbishop's residence in Vienna and will not allow anything like that to happen again.

CZECH

The plight of Czechoslovakia brings us two bits of information tonight, a grave and serious side, and a lighter ~~side~~. The Czechs have sixty thousand refugees on their hands, fugitives from the German occupation of Sudetenland. Most of them fled to Czechoslovakia in the first place as fugitives from Nazi Germany. Now in flight a second time. And where to go? (Only Hungarian, Roumanian and Polish borders are left, and these are forbidden to most. It's a grave problem for shrunken Czechoslovakia - how to take care of these ~~250~~ refugees.)

~~But~~ the lighter side concerns the famous city of Pilsen, where the great Skoda Munitions Works are - that gun manufacturing plant the Nazis were supposed to covet. But Pilsen is also the renowned city of beer - Pilsen^{er}. And the word today is that the border line has been drawn so close that the water from which Pilsener beer is made will have to come from Germany territory. For the water supply for the brewery is now within the Nazi Sudeten boundary.

The plight of Dr. Benes, the resigned President of Czechoslovakia, becomes less serious with the news that he has

been offered a chance at a magnificent post -- not in his homeland, however, but in Scotland. He has been invited to stand as a candidate for election to the office of rector of the University of Glasgow. That's one of the most renowned institutions of learning in all the world.

FRANCE

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A political event happened in France today, which may develop into important news in the days to come. The four organizations of war veterans come forward with the demand for a thorough revision of the government. They call for the establishment of a non-partisan regime, a government of public safety. And they want it done right away. Their idea is that a cabinet should be formed of all parties and be given arbitrary powers - semi-dictatorship. This to continue for a year. Then - an election ~~is~~ to be held. The French veterans are said to be thoroughly discontented with all the parliamentary indecision and delay. Hence their call for a strong government, some kind of dictatorship - for a year. The four veterans organizations represent two and a half million men and it is said that the total number behind the veterans' demand is six million.

CAVE

How about an adventure thriller now?

Hugh Monroe, seventeen, and Thurman Treadwell, eighteen, are students at the East Central State Teachers College at Ada Oklahoma, Thurman Treadwell is in the biology class, and he wanted some frogs for study. Hugh Monroe just went along for fun and it was a funny kind of fun he found.

Hugh, in a hospital bed, told the story today -- how they went in the Arbuckle Mountains, and came to a cave. "We removed our clothes," he says, "and put on our bathing suits. The cave was small and we had to go on our hands and knees. We had a flashlight. Not far inside the cave was a big pool of water. We started across, swimming and wading for a long time. Then the flashlight went out. It was pitch dark. We were lost." yes, lost in the inky darkness of the cave, with the black pool of water. It was utterly silent, save for one mocking sound -- the croaking of frogs, frogs they had come to catch for the biology class.

Apparently, the cave was but one pool of water, a big one - which gives a turn of weird irony to Hugh Monroe's story. "We came to a pool of water seven times," says he. "I don't know if it

was the same pool or seven different ones." So they had clamored around on the bank, coming always to the edge of black water, coming to it seven times, swimming, finding the other side- but never finding their way out.

"Most of the time," the story goes on, "we talked about finding our way out. We would get one idea, then another. None any good." They laughed and made jokes trying to keep up their spirits. "and we both did some praying," says Hugh Monroe. "We each knew the other was scared stiff." How scared they were is told vividly as the lad's story came to a close. "When the rescue party came," says he, "we must have been dazed. Anyway, I felt like running away and hiding and I guess Thurman did too. I can't explain it, but I was afraid."

How long were they in the black cave? Forty-eight hours. A frightful while of darkness and dread. The two boys missing, it was a long time until finally their clothes were found at the entrance of the cave. Then there was a long search in the darkness of the grotto before the lads were found today -- too dazed and too frightened to reply to the shouts.

"When I got outside," says Hugh Monroe, "and saw my mother, I was the gladdest guy in the United States."

SLAP

We have some elucidation this evening of the slap in the face that Hollywood Showgirl Elinore Troy bestowed last midnight upon British prizefighter, Jack Doyle. She has been hailed as the showgirl with the most beautiful figure in Hollywood. He has been involved in a previous bit of romantic trouble, in which a lady valued his affections at two million dollars. And Elinore says that she and Jack were engaged -- the ideal couple you'd think.

Beautiful Elinore says she had an appointment with fiance Jack to go to a night club. He failed to show up, that fickle fiance. About midnight she found him at the night club with another girl. Always distressing, when two are engaged; so Elinore just walked up to Jack, hauled off, and smacked him in the face. Then she turned and ran -- scampered out of the place. When asked today why she was in such a hurry, Elinore explained simply - "He's a big husky fellow, and I thought I'd better get out of that place." Big husky fellow? He's a heavyweight prizefighter! And, although he has been smacked around a bit by other heavyweigh' prizefighters, he might be able to achieve pugilistic miracles with the showgirl and her most beautiful Hollywood figure.

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Today, Elinore was asked - did the slap in the face and the hasty exit terminate their engagement? "I don't think so," she replied charitably. "I guess I'll give him one more chance."

All of which put it up to pugilistic Jack. Interviewed today, he exclaimed: "It's very embarrassing." And he told the story of the slap in these terms: "Some silly dame who is publicity crazy," said he, "just walked in. With a photographer, mind you, and slapped me. I was sitting there," Jack amplifies, "minding my own business, when she came up and announced - 'I want to be with you tonight.' Then she smacked me in the puss and walked out."

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That's his story. ~~Maybe~~ Maybe, if they were engaged, the engagement is off. And if they were not engaged, it was just a slap in the face. *And s-l-u-t-m.*

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